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PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

SESSION 1858.

Thirteenth Meeting (ANNIVERSARY), 1 P.M., *May 24th*, 1858.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

THE Minutes of the previous Meeting having been read and confirmed, the regulations respecting the Anniversary Meetings were next read, when the President appointed William Bollaert and John Brown, Esqrs., Scrutineers for the Ballot.

The Rev. H. Lewis, T. J. De Bourgho, Edward David Ogilvie, William Nicholas Reed, Samuel Leigh Sotheby, and William Reynolds Vines, Esqrs., were proposed as Candidates for election at the next Meeting.

The Report of the Council, with the Balance Sheet for 1857 and the Estimate for 1858, was then read and adopted.

The President next delivered the Patron's or Victoria Gold Medal to His Excellency the Hon. G. M. Dallas, the American Minister, on behalf of Professor Alexander Dallas Bache, Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, for his extensive surveys of America, and for the additions made by him to our knowledge of Geography and Hydrography.

The Founder's Gold Medal was delivered to Captain Richard Collinson, R.N., C.B., for his discoveries in the Arctic Regions, and for having, in H. M. S. *Enterprise*, penetrated farther to the Eastward, through Behring Strait, than had been reached by any other vessel.

The President then read his Anniversary Address, for which a unanimous Vote of Thanks was passed, with a request that he would allow it to be printed.

The Ballot being concluded, the Scrutineers reported that the changes advised by the Council had been adopted. The vacancy among the Vice-Presidents, occasioned by the retirement of Sir Walter C. Trevelyan, Bart., to be supplied by Captain Richard

Collinson, R.N.; that among the Trustees caused by the resignation of W. R. Hamilton, Esq., to be occupied by Richard Monckton Milnes, Esq., M.P.; and those in the Ordinary Councillors, produced by the retirement of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Cardwell, M.P.; Capt. R. Collinson, R.N.; R. Monckton Milnes, Esq., M.P.; Lieut.-General Sir G. Pollock, G.C.B.; Henry Raper, Esq., R.N.; Capt. J. Lort Stokes, R.N.; and Sir Harry C. Verney, Bart., M.P.; to be filled by Lord Dufferin; W. J. Hamilton, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel H. James, R.E.; Capt. the Hon. H. A. Murray, R.N.; the Earl of Sheffield; Colonel Thomas M. Steele, and Robert Stephenson, Esq., M.P.

Thanks having been voted to the President, Vice-Presidents, Members of the Council, Auditors, and Scrutineers, the President finally directed attention to the usual Anniversary Dinner, and the Meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.